answers placed on the table during a session will not form a proper record. Further such questions and answers will be thrown away; nobody will preserve it.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Here I may state for the information of this House that a temporary allowance has been sanctioned to all the low-paid subordinates below Rs. 20.

Grant of casual leave on loss of pay.

202. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether in any department the departmental head has granted casual leave on loss of pay; if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government. The rule is clear that casual leave is not granted on loss of pay.

Mr.A.B. Salem.—Has the Government, after the question was tabled, made any enquiry to the Heads of Departments?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then I submit, Sir,that this is very very unfair. My question was definite. It behoves the Government to answer that question to make an enquiry to the Heads of Departments. To the supplementary question whether any enquiry was made, the Secretary to the Diwan is pleased to say that he has not made any enquiry into the matter.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The rule is clear that casual leave is not granted on loss of pay. If there is any particular case, it will be brought to the notice of the Government.

President.—They proceeded on that assumption, and so no enquiry was found necessary.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Leave without pay will not be casual leave at all; it will be leave on loss of pay.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I asked a question whether in any department the departmental head has granted casual leave on loss of pay. I did not ask whether the Government has done it.

President.—Casual leave without pay is inconsistent; the very thing is inconceivable.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Are we not also aware of the rule that casual leave is granted generally with pay?

President.—Casual leave is always with pay. The rule is clear. Casual leave is granted exclusive of the idea of loss of pay.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It will not be on loss of pay?

President.—Casual leave will always be with pay.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When an Hon'ble Member tables a question like this, Government should think that this rule is

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violated somewhere. I put the question pointedly "Whether the Government will be pleased to inform whether in any department, the departmental head has granted casual leave on loss of pay; if so, the reasons thereof?" The Secretary is pleased to answer 'No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government. The rule is clear that casual leave is not granted on loss of pay.' And to a supplementary question whether any enquiries were made before submitting this answer, he says he has made no enquiry to any Head of Department.

President.—On the face of the rule, there is no necessity for a reference to the Heads of Departments. That is the point which he is going to make out. There was no necessity for a reference to any Head of Department, because casual leave can only be on pay, and the casual leave on loss of pay means a different thing. So, what is the necessity for making a reference? If there is loss of pay, it cannot be casual leave.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It will be leave on loss of pay.

President.—Further I may say you can refer to departmental heads only on proper questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, whether it is the opinion of the Government that no casual leave has been granted without pay?

President.—No records are available.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Supposing we are pointing out that the Head of a Department has granted casual leave on loss of pay; is not the Government going to inquire into the matter?

President.—Mr. Salem has put this question because he has got a particular case in view, in which casual leave was given on loss of pay. I should not take you to put questions without a purpose. So there is a purpose to be served. Now tell us which departmental head granted casual leave on loss of pay. Put that question, and the answer will be given after enquiry, if there is any foundation for it. That is what you should do. Without a specific instance in view, how can we satisfactorily answer?

Mr. A.B. Salem.—Would it be fair for a non-official Member of this House to cast any aspersion upon the Head of a Department in a complaint that has been made to himself?

President.—If it is an irregularity of a Head of Department, you are at liberty to expose it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is to say, if he has really done it.

President.—I proceed on the assumption that you have a particular case. When I get a complaint against the Head of a Department, would it not be fair to have some enquiry, that

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so and so has done it? Supposing he has not made enquiry, then it is right on your part to inform the House he has not done it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That, I think, will be unfair to the Head of a Department, that is all my objection to do so. It is out of fairness to the Head of a Department that I put it in that way.

President.—But you had your own reasons for not referring to the Head of Department.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I now ask whether the Government will make the enquiry?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is an inconceivable thing to grant casual leave on loss of pay. What is the use of making an enquiry like that?

President.—No Head of Department would have done it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And so no Head of Department has done it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No Head of Department would have done it, that is my sincere impression.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall table another question referring to a particular department.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Can you furnish the information now? In which department?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I cannot do that here. I shall give you the information confidentially.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It will not be a case of casual leave.

President.—We shall see. Why do you go on with that controversy now?

Appointments made by Heads of Departments.

203. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many appointments were made by each of the Heads of Departments in the year 1102 ; and

(2) of these, how many of the appointments belonged to each caste or community as shown in the application ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

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